

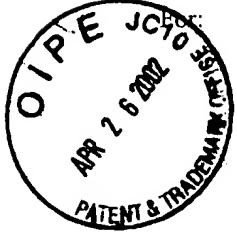
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hui Chen and John W. Lawler

Application No.: 09/606,763 Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: June 29, 2000 Examiner: Chih-Min Kam

Purification and Use of Human Recombinant Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001 for two months from February 20, 2002 to April 20, 2002.

	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Other than Small Entity</u>
1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
2 months -	X \$ 200	\$ 400
3 months -	\$ 460	\$ 920
4 months -	\$ 720	\$1,440
5 months -	\$ 980	\$1,960

- [X] A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 in the amount of \$[] to cover the cost of the extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 22, 2002

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